

THE NATIONAL SOLEMN
ASSEMBLY

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention to an important event that took place earlier this week here in our Nation's Capital. On October 8 & 9th, the Center for Spiritual Renewal hosted the National Solemn Assembly at Constitution Hall. During these two days, church, governmental, military and business leaders from around the nation, including many from the D.C. area, came together for a time of prayer and fasting in support of our nation's leaders. Special sessions of prayer were conducted for the President, White House staff, Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, the U.S. Supreme Court and our Governors and state and local leaders. The Assembly, based on the scriptural admonition of Joel 2 and 2 Chronicles 7:14, is to return the Nation's spiritual focus on repentance, reconciliation and revival. Most notably, this meeting and its purpose were scheduled and established before the events of September 11, 2001, and well before any House debate of the Iraqi war resolution was scheduled for these same two days.

The Center for Spiritual Renewal, under the leadership of Dr. Robert E. Fisher, has been established to bring before the Church on a continuing basis the primary need for revival and renewal, both personal and corporate. The Center is a non-profit organization that works with all denominations, as well as non-affiliated local churches and ministry agencies to promote an understanding of the need to respond to the move of God through humility, worship and the embodiment of three sequential elements: spiritual integrity, scriptural unity and social responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Dr. Fisher and the Center for Spiritual Renewal for their leadership in the establishment of the National Solemn Assembly, and for their prayerful support of the Members of this body and the many others in positions of leadership within our government.

TRIBUTE TO S. PHILIP CABIBI

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize the life and passing of S. Philip Cabibi of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Cabibi recently passed away and, as his family mourns his loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the contributions he has made throughout the years.

Mr. Cabibi was born in Pueblo on August 12, 1914, and graduated from Central High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and then returned to Pueblo after the war. Philip Cabibi served as Pueblo's District Judge from 1955 to 1973 and was well respected throughout the community for honesty and integrity. Mr. Cabibi made many significant decisions as District Judge,

including approving the creation of the South-eastern Colorado Conservancy District, which aided in the passage of the Fryingpan-Arkansas water project. After his tenure on the bench, Mr. Cabibi went into private practice until his retirement in the 1980s.

Despite a busy career, Mr. Cabibi always found the time for his friends and family. Along with his wife Margaret, Philip would often travel to California to visit his grandchildren, and loved playing gin rummy with his friends.

Throughout Pueblo, everyone seemed to know Mr. Cabibi and he could seldom enter a store or a restaurant without being recognized by someone in the neighborhood. No one could resist the genuine interest and affection that he bestowed upon everyone throughout the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the life and passing of Philip Cabibi and all his contributions to the community of Pueblo, Colorado. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Margaret, his daughter Marilyn, sister Virginia, and his grandchildren, John and Michelle. Mr. Cabibi lived his life with honor and distinction, and his love for his fellow citizens won him the respect of all who knew him. Philip Cabibi's loss will be deeply felt throughout the Pueblo community and all of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN LUOTTO ON
BEING AWARDED THE 2002 ST.
MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT
AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Marilyn Luotto, a distinguished citizen and a resident of Santa Clara County, who is being honored on October 16, 2002, by the Sacred Heart Schools of Atherton, California, with the 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award.

Marilyn is a native of Chicago, Illinois, where she received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Mundelein College and her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University. In 1967, she came to California with her husband and their five children, and soon after, Marilyn began working at Sacred Heart Preparatory. She taught English, Psychology, and a course in Marriage and the Family through the Religion Department at the school. She also acted as a school counselor, at the high school and the elementary school. After five years of dividing her time between her family and the schools, Marilyn began spending more of her work time as a counselor at St. Joseph's School, continuing to teach at least one psychology course at the high school because she enjoyed her involvement with students of all ages. During this time, Marilyn also began pursuing her second master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling at the University of Santa Clara. With that degree she received her M.F.T. license as a Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of California.

Throughout her tenure at Sacred Heart Schools, Marilyn shared her time and her talents with the entire community of faculty, staff, and students. Last year she retired after 25

years of extraordinary service to the Sacred Heart Schools. With her characteristic spirit of generosity, she thanked everyone for their support and all that they had contributed to her personal and professional growth. She promised to find a way to share the love that she had received with others as she embarks on a new phase of her life.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mrs. Marilyn Luotto as she receives the 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and thanking her for her extraordinary service to our community which has made us a better country.

HONORING BENJAMIN BLUSTEIN
AND HEBREW UNIVERSITY

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, on July 31, 2002, a Palestinian terrorist left a 22-pound hate bomb hidden in a bag on a table at Hebrew University's Frank Sinatra International Student Center cafeteria. The bomber and those who assisted him had two objectives.

By placing the bomb in an area popular with young people, students from around the world and renowned scholars in many disciplines of academic study, the terrorist hoped to kill and injure as many people as possible, without regard to their nationalities, religion or political persuasion. In this, those responsible for this heinous attack were successful. Ultimately, the blast killed nine people, including five Americans, and injured approximately 80 others.

But the attackers had more far reaching motives. They wished to send a message that they had no interest in legitimate efforts to resolve Israel's conflicts with Palestinians. In addition, by selecting this particular university as their target, the terrorists also wanted to send the message that they believed that academic discourse, scientific research, and medical care provided to people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are not legitimate endeavors in Israel.

Let there be no mistake about this. On this second point, the terrorists are wrong. President George W. Bush immediately condemned this attack, and expressed his "fury" at the attack on this particular university that had killed five American students. He stated, "I'm just as angry as Israel is right now. . . . I'm furious about innocent life lost. However, through my fury, even though I am mad, I still believe peace is possible."

I believe the President's words were exactly correct to condemn this act of terrorism, just as he had condemned the over 70 homicide bombings aimed at Israel since September 2000. But, despite expressing anger and vowing to find and punish those responsible, the President also restated his quest for an eventual lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

While I am equally angry and upset at all such attacks, this one touched me personally in a way that none had before. One of the five American victims, Benjamin Blustein, was my constituent.

Benjamin Blustein was only 25 years old when this bomb took his life. He came from